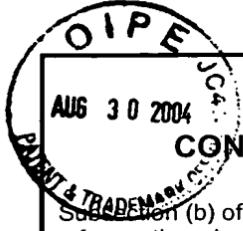


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Submission (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Serial No.: 09/698,778
Filed: October 27, 2000
Applicant(s): Kazuko Fukano, et al.
Group Art Unit: 2116
Examiner: Nitin C. Patel

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Date: August 25, 2004


Mary Bastida**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**a. ☐ Previously Submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §116 previously filed on

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii. ☐ Other:

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b. ☒ Enclosed01 FC:1801
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130.00 DAi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), PTO 1449 listing one (1) reference.iv. ☐ Other:2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other:c. ☐ Calculation of additional fee for enclosed amendment.

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # Previously Paid For	# Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims: -			\$18.00	\$
Independent Claims: -			\$86.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			\$290.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 19-2746.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) (if required) of \$
☐ For a month(s) extension of time.
☐ An extension of time for month(s) has already been secured and paid for; accordingly, the above fee is for an additional month(s) extension of time.
- iii. ☒ Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for Suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months \$130.00
- iv. ☐ Additional Fee for Amendment \$_____
- v. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of enclosed
- c. ☒ If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this RCE or any enclosure, please consider this a request therefore together with authorization to charge Deposit Account No.: 19-2746 for the additional fee(s) due.

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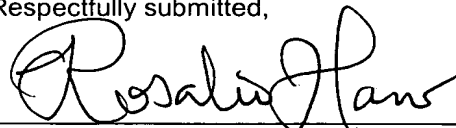
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Respectfully submitted,



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